

Review

Before the exam we studied Sampling Distributions. The scenario we studied was the following

- We drew a sample of n individuals from a large population
 - We measured a characteristic of each of the n individuals of the sample
 - The characteristic could be
 - height or weight (quantitative)
 - or male/female
 - or prefer red over green
 - or prefer green over red
- } categorical

For quantitative variables we sought to estimate the mean of the characteristic across the ^{whole} population μ

For categorical variables we sought to estimate the proportion p of individuals with the characteristic across the whole population

In both cases we used only the sample to make the inference.

To estimate μ we used the sample mean $\bar{X}$
 to estimate P we used the sample
 proportion $\hat{p}$

The sample mean $\bar{X}$ and sample
 proportion $\hat{p}$ were random
 variables, Every time we draw another
 sample we get different values
 for $\bar{X}$ and $\hat{p}$.

What sample we draw is random
 $\bar{X}$ and $\hat{p}$ are numbers ~~that~~
~~which~~ that depend upon the outcome
 of the random phenomenon, (sample)
 That's why they are random variables,

Main results of chapter 5
 was the distribution of $\bar{X}$ and $\hat{p}$.

$$\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu$$

$$\sigma_{\bar{X}} = \sigma / \sqrt{n}$$

approx $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mu_{\hat{p}} = P \\ \sigma_{\hat{p}} = \sqrt{\frac{P(1-P)}{n}} \end{array} \right\}$ When the binomial
 distribution is
 a good approximation

Good approximation when population is at least
 20x as large as sample

Normal approximations

For large n $\bar{X} \stackrel{\text{approx}}{\sim} N(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}})$

IF $np \geq 10$ and $n(1-p) \geq 10$

then $\hat{p} \stackrel{\text{approx}}{\sim} N(p, \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}})$

New Chapter 6 Inference

For the rest of the semester
we are doing inference,

purpose: draw conclusions from data

Formal inference emphasizes substantiating
our conclusions via probability
calculations,

Example: Are trees in a forest
clustered or are they arranged
randomly,

StatCrunch - longleaf1

Are these trees clustered or
random and how do we find out?
584 trees Old growth forest

Generate 584 random locations
and see what it looks like;
4 columns seed 1

We already can see that most
random forests look less clustered

But how do we be sure?

Key idea: Test Statistic

(Book sites another book which isn't
in AC library and is \$60
I want to find it on inter library loan
But I haven't done this yet)

So I am going to be vague

My name for test statistic

Clusterization Index,

Every forest has a clusterization
index,

The higher the index the more
clustered the forest,

What forest has the highest clusterization index?

All trees in same spot.

What forest has the lowest clusterization index?

Trees tiled regularly like a tree farm.

Random forests have clusterization indexes somewhere in between

Because they are random each random forest has a different clusterization index.

In particular the distribution of the test statistic is important.

Where does our old growth forest fall on that distribution

If it is ~~fall~~ into the tails of the distribution we can conclude the forest is clustered more than random. If not, we ~~can't~~ can't.

P-value

Who has heard of p-value?

The p-value is the probability that the test statistic would be ^{as extreme or} more extreme by random chance than what was observed in the data.

In other words the ~~the~~ p-value is the probability that the clustering index would be greater in a random forest than what was observed in the old growth forest,

more extreme in this case is greater.

In some cases you may be asking is the clustering index less than (more extreme would be less than) And in others more extreme would be greater than a threshold and less than a different threshold For instance if you are asking is the forest random and you want to flag too clustered and not clustered enough, called a two sided alternative

According to book the pvalue was 0.04

I don't know whether they used a one sided alternative or two.

$$0.04 < 0.05$$

↪ traditional cutoff for significance

You would say the test is significant at 0.05 level (the traditional level),

You would reject the null hypothesis

Null hypothesis being that the forest is random.

You would conclude that the forest is not random.

Example #2

Researches want to know if
a new drug is more effective than
placebo

20 patients receive new drug
20 receive placebo

Twelve taking drug improve 60%
8 taking placebo improve

State $\rightarrow$ proportion stats $\rightarrow$ two sample
 $\rightarrow$ with summary

Sample 1	# successes 12	Null hypothesis is
	# obs 20	
Sample 2	# successes 8	H_0 it is that both proportions are equal $p_1 = p_2$
	# obs 20	

Alternative hypothesis
do we care if it's bigger $>$ less than $<$
or both $\neq$ $\leftarrow$ two sided alternative
p-value = .20 large p-value

This means that if true proportions were the same,

In other words the probability of improving with ~~the~~ drug is the same as the probability of improving with the ~~the~~ placebo then the test statistic will be as extreme or more extreme 20% of the time

(I haven't told you ^{yet} what the test statistic is)

Because this is so high we cannot conclude that the drug has an effect,

That doesn't mean it doesn't have an effect. It could mean that it doesn't have an effect it could also mean the sample size is too small to see the effect because an effect is also not large enough.

Review of terminology

test statistic

p-value

null hypothesis / alternative hypothesis

two sided alternative

versus one sided alternative

test statistic - a number you compute from data to be used to make an inference

~~p-value~~ → the probability

Null hypothesis - ~~stating~~ a statement that there is no effect - that the data observed ~~consequently~~ are caused by random chance

Alternative hypothesis - statement that there is an effect

p-value - the probability assuming the null hypothesis is true that the test statistic will take on a value as extreme or more extreme as what is seen in data

One / two sided alternative - whether you consider ^{extreme} values less than or greater than only (one sided or both (two sided))